

AN ACT

relating to examinations for hiring in certain municipal fire departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 143.025, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (1) to read as follows:

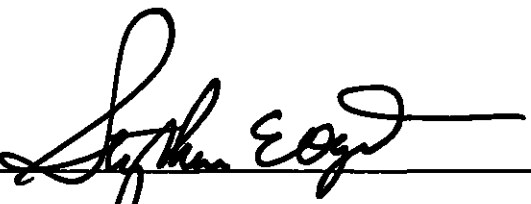
(b) An eligibility list for a beginning position in the fire or police department may be created only as a result of a competitive examination held in the presence of each applicant for the position, except as provided by Subsections (d), ~~and~~ (e), and (1). The examination must be based on the person's general knowledge and aptitude and must inquire into the applicant's general education and mental ability. A person may not be appointed to the fire or police department except as a result of the examination.

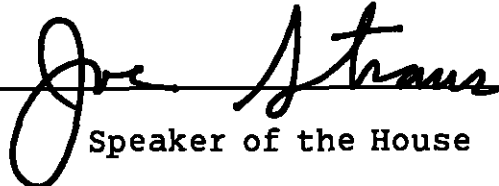
(1) In a municipality with a population of more than 1.3 million and less than 2 million, an examination for a beginning position in the fire department may include testing instruments to be used in addition to the written examination in the establishment of the initial eligibility list.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

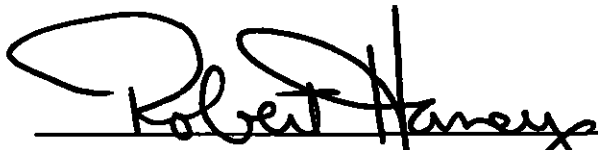
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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

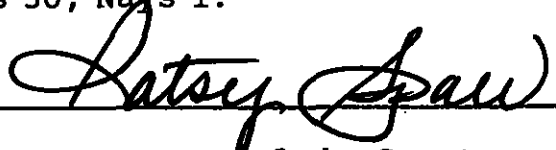

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1488 was passed by the House on April 26, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 106, Nays 42, 2 present, not voting.

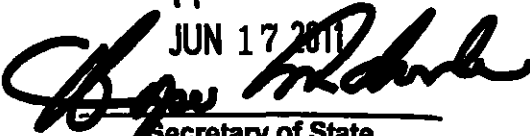

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1488 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.


Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUN '11
Date


Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State